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DYNAMIC SYSTEM CONTROL METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-147, 152-155, 157, 158, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168-186.

Remarks

It is requested that this preliminary amendment be entered to cancel claims not accorded special status. In applicant's August 9, 2000 Petition to Make Special claims 148-151, 156, 159-161, 164, 167 and 187-192 were presented for special status.

A decision mailed September 15, 2000 granted the Petition to Make Special by Special Program Examiner Kenneth A. Wieder. In his decision, Examiner Wieder indicated that the Petition complies with M.P.E.P. §708.02, Item VIII in that, among other requirements, the petition included "a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention."

All pending claims, except those listed above that have been accorded special status, are being canceled herein. It is submitted that the remaining claims are directed to a single invention.

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